1      1.    A method comprising:

2          transmitting programs to two different receivers;

3          determining the time difference between a first

4   program being transmitted to a first receiver and a second

5   program transmitted to a second receiver; and

6          reducing the time difference between said

7   programs.

1      2.    The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting

2   programs to two different receivers involves distributing

3   programs over a wireless network.

1      3.    The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting

2   programs includes distributing programs over a cable

3   network.

1      4.    The method of claim 1 including transmitting

2   programs to two different receivers in response to two

3   different requests for programs.

1      5.    The method of claim 4 including transmitting

2   programs in an on demand basis.

1      6.    The method of claim 1 including determining

2   whether the time difference between a first program and a

3   second program is above a predetermined time difference.

1    7.    The method of claim 1 including determining

2    whether the time difference between the first program and

3    the second program is sufficient to attempt to reduce the

4    time difference between the programs.


1    8.    The method of claim 1 wherein reducing the time

2    difference between said programs includes time compressing

3    one of said programs more than the other and transmitting

4    said programs.


1    9.    The method of claim 1 wherein reducing the time

2    difference between said programs includes reducing the rate

3    of data transfer of one of said programs.


1    10.    The method of claim 1 wherein reducing the time

2    difference between said programs includes increasing the

3    rate of content transmission of the first program and

4    decreasing the rate of content transmission of the second

5    program until the time difference between said programs is

6    substantially zero.


7    11.    The method of claim 1 including reducing the time

8    difference between said programs until the time difference

9    is substantially zero and then transmitting the first and


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10  second programs over the same channel to two different

11  receivers.


1       12.  The method of claim 11 including initially

2  transmitting the first and second programs on different

3  channels, reducing the time difference between said

4  programs on different channels until the time difference is

5  substantially zero, transmitting both programs on a first

6  channel to two different receivers and freeing a second

7  channel for transmission of another program.


1       13.  An article comprising a medium storing

2  instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

3            transmit programs to two different receivers;

4            determine the time difference between a first

5  program being transmitted to a first receiver and a second

6  program being transmitted to a second receiver; and

7            reduce the time difference between the programs.


1       14.  The article of claim 13 further storing

2  instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3  distribute programs over a wireless network.


1       15.  The article of claim 13 further storing

2  instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3  distribute programs over a cable network.

1     16. The article of claim 13 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 transmit programs to two different receivers in response to
4 two different requests for programs.

1     17. The article of claim 16 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 transmit programs on an on-demand basis.

1     18. The article of claim 13 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 determine whether the time difference between a first
4 program and a second program is above a predetermined time
5 difference.

1     19. The article of claim 13 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 determine whether the time difference between the first
4 program and the second program is sufficient to attempt to
5 reduce the time difference between the programs.

1     20. The article of claim 13 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to time
3 compress one of said programs more than the other and
4 transmit said programs.

1    21.   The article of claim 13 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   reduce the rate of data transfer of one of said programs to
4   reduce the time difference between said programs.

1    22.   The article of claim 13 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   increase the rate of content transmission of the first
4   program and decrease the rate of content transmission of
5   the second program until the time difference between said
6   programs is substantially zero.

1    23.   The article of claim 13 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   reduce the time difference between the programs until the
4   time difference is substantially zero and then transmit the
5   first and second programs over the same channel to two
6   different receivers.

1    24.   The article of claim 23 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   initially transmit the first and second programs on
4   different channels, reduce the time difference between the
5   programs on different channels until the time difference is
6   substantially zero, transmit both programs on a first

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7    channel to two different receivers and free a second

8    channel for transmission of another program.

1    25.   A system comprising:

2        a server;

3        a transmission device coupled to said server;

4        a database of electronic files;

5        a storage storing instructions that enable the

6    server to transmit files to two different receivers over

7    said transmission device, determine the time difference

8    between a first file being transmitted to a first receiver

9    and a second file being transmitted to a second receiver

10   and reduce the time difference between the files.

1    26.   The system of claim 25 wherein said transmission

2    device transmits files over a wireless network.

1    27.   The system of claim 25 wherein said transmission

2    device is a cable network transmission device.

1    28.   The system of claim 25 wherein said storage

2    stores instructions that enable the server to determine

3    whether the time difference between a first and second file

4    is above a predetermined time difference.

1     29.   The system of claim 25 wherein said storage
2  stores instructions that enable the server to determine
3  whether the time difference between a first file and a
4  second file is sufficient to attempt to reduce the time
5  difference between the files.

1     30.   The system of claim 25 wherein said storage
2  stores instructions that enable the server to reduce the
3  rate of content transfer of one of said files to reduce the
4  time difference between said files.